

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CAPTURING DOCUMENT STYLE BY EXAMPLE

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A system and method of using an example document to create another document with the
same style. The style is determined by examining the example file for syntax patterns that are
required in a document of this type. Each pattern is used to create a section template (a sub-template
for a larger template). After all the required sub-templates have been defined, by examining the
example, we have a document template that may be used to format new documents. Along with
10 user-specific content, a document generator uses the captured document template to generate
sections of a new document. When a section of a document is generated, the sub-template that
corresponds to that section of a document is inserted with user-specific content. The generated file
ends up with the same kind of text spacing and positioning, ordering of sections, presence of
annotations and other nonfunctional attributes as the example.